

**OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS
MINUTES
JULY 19, 2006**

CONDUCTING:

Dr. David Voss DO

CONVENED:

9:16 a.m.

ADJOURNED

11:51 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. David Voss DO

Dr. J. Howard Loomis DO

Dr. Warren Peterson DO

Brenda Sharman, Public Member

Keith Ramsey, DO

Division Staff

J. Craig Jackson, Division Director

Diana Baker, Bureau Manager

Penny Vogeler, Board Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

sign travel reimbursement

Approval of minutes (April)

Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Sharman seconded motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

Swearing in of new board member

Dr. Keith Ramsey DO was sworn in as a member of the Osteopathic Licensing Board by Ms. Baker. Dr. Ramsey is a pediatrician. He gave a brief introduction on his professional life and the Board welcomed him.

Nomination of new chairman

Nominations were open by Ms. Baker for a new chairperson. Dr. Loomis nominated Dr. Voss to remain in the position for another year. It was seconded by Ms. Sharman. Motion carried.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Probation Interviews

Nita Weber

Dr. Weber was interviewed by Dr. Voss.

Dr. Voss discussed her supervisor reports and it was noted that they were positive. The database reports were reviewed and reports were found for both her new and old DEA registration numbers. She stated that the insurance company would not accept her new DEA number. Ms. Baker explained that use of her old registration number is illegal and that she is not allowed to use that number. Ms. Baker will discuss this with the DEA as well as check with investigations for inappropriate information entered from the pharmacies. Dr. Weber discussed the patients that had entries for controlled substances that were questionable. Dr. Weber was able to address patients and their circumstances regarding the prescriptions. She stated she has been using a pain contract with her patients. Dr. Weber has been using the database and seems to be very aware of keeping records. She stated she is being selective of her patients and refers them to a pain specialist if necessary. Dr. Voss discussed the importance of having a pain specialist to refer patients to. Dr. Weber is **in compliance** with the terms of her Order.

Corey Ericksen

Dr. Ericksen was interviewed by Dr. Peterson. Dr. Ericksen submitted his record review. Dr. Peterson discussed the database report with Dr. Ericksen and seemed to be aware of the patients of concern on the database. Ms. Baker will turn these prescriptions in questions over to investigations for review. Dr. Ericksen discussed the problem of issuing his license without the probationary status and now realizes it is not a possibility.

Dr. Erickson discussed the changes he has made in his office regarding the medications are being ordered and received in his office. He stated that the person who

orders medications for office use is now not allowed to accept delivery of the medications or stock the shelves. It is apparent that he has made some changes for safety and also a better control of his medications. Dr. Ericksen states he has made other changes within his office.

Dr. Erickson stated he would like to be considered for early probation in October. The Board suggested that he can make a formal request at the October meeting and if he is in compliance they will reconsider options then. Dr. Ericksen is **in compliance** with the terms of his Order.

Derry Brinley

Dr. Brinley was interviewed by Ms. Sharman. He is missing his therapist report for this meeting. He said his therapy has been a big help to him in dealing with the events of the past year. It has helped him to understand his lack of judgment in the past and has given him direction. He stated he really appreciated the Board's help in everything they have done for him. A motion was made by Ms. Sharman and seconded by Dr. Voss to terminate Dr. Brinley from his probation. Ms. Baker will amend his order and a new license will be issued without probationary status. Dr. Brinley is **in compliance** with the terms of his order.

William John Mauer

Dr. Mauer was interviewed by Dr Loomis. He was accompanied by Steve Taylor DC who has been working with Dr Mauer. Dr. Taylor stated he has learned a lot from Dr. Mauer especially in the fields of stretch and flex manipulation, nutrition and reducing medications. Dr. Loomis made a motion to release Dr. Mauer from his first probationary Order. Dr. Voss seconded. Motion carried. However, the second probationary Order regarding his restriction in prescribing only Schedules IV and V controlled substances remains in place. Dr.

Mauer will be able to request a release from that restriction by the October meeting. Dr. Taylor stated he had spoken with the DEA in regards to Dr. Mauer's probation and they said Dr. Mauer is in good standing with them. Ms. Baker will contact the DEA.

Dr. Mauer is **in compliance** with the terms of his Order and the Board.

Discussion Items:

Ms. Baker discussed with the Board the 2006 trends in Medical Regulation Report from FSMB.

Ms. Baker discussed a letter she had received from the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM) urging the Utah Osteopathic Board to modify their decision in R156-68 of the Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act Rules, with regards to the American Association of Physician Specialists (AAPS), and in particular, to the emergency medicine certification certificates it provides.

Dr. Ramsey questioned why board certification was being required for endorsement of licensure, and why the SPEX exam qualified as a substitute for board certification. A motion was made by Dr. Peterson and seconded by Dr. Voss to table this issue until Ms. Baker could find information from the Federation of State Medical Boards SPEX exam and its comparison to the AAPS exam criteria. This item will be put on the agenda for the October meeting.

Next scheduled meeting:

The Board requested a change of the October 18, meeting due to the annual meeting of the Utah Association of Osteopathic Physicians. Ms. Baker will look at moving it to either the previous week or perhaps the following week. This will be decided and Board members and

the public will be notified of the change.

David Voss, DO, Chairperson

Date

Diana Baker, Bureau Manager

Date